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SUBJECT: IRAQI CONTRACTOR RECEIVES MAJOR CONTRACT FOR LINING
IRRIGATION CANALS

1. BAGHDAD PRESS ANNOUNCED AWARD OF MAJOR CONTRACT FOR
LINING OF CANALS IN NORTH AND SOUTH AL-ROZ IRRIGATION
PROJECTS IN GOVERNORATE OF DIYALAH, NORTHEAST OF BAGHDAD.
PROJECT AIM IS TO REDUCE WATER WASTE AND SEEPAGE IN MORE
THAN 1,200 KILOMETERS OF IRRIGATION CANALS AND BRANCHES.
PROJECT TOTAL COST IS APPROXIMATELY ID.21 MILLION.
COMPLETION TIME: FIVE YEARS.

2. IRAQI CONTRACTOR, MR. EDWARD RASSAM & PARTNERS,
ALWIYAH ARASA 475, BAGHDAD, IRAQ; CABLE ADDRESS:
MASERDAR, TEL: 98658, HAS RECEIVED CONTRACT FOR A
PORTION OF THIS WORK. USINT CONTACTED MR. RASSAM WHO
STATED THAT HE HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANCON
INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED, APARTMENT 8666, PANAMA
CITY, PANAMA. CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING HANDLED BY
MR. R. M. GUNTERT, P.O. BOX 1668, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
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95201. GUNTERT OFFERED CANAL LINING EQUIPMENT PACKAGE
TO RASSAM, WITH VALUE IN EXCESS OF DOLLARS 2,300,000.
GUNTERT WILL BE RETURNING TO BAGHDAD EARLY MARCH 1977
TO FOLLOW UP. THIS IS THE ONLY ITEM OF EQUIPMENT FOR
WHICH RASSAM HAS BEEN GRANTED DIRECT IMPORT AUTHORITY.
BALANCE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE IMPORTED
BY GOI AGENCIES.

3. RASSAM ALSO INDICATED DESIRE TO BUILD A CONCRETE PIPE FACTORY CAPABLE OF PRODUCING CEMENT PIPE IN 1 METER LENGTHS, DIAMETERS 30, 40, 50 AND 60 CENTIMETERS CONFORMING TO BRITISH PIPE STANDARDS BS-566, PART 2, 1972, CLASS H, FOR CRUSHING TEST LOADS. RASSAM IS INTERESTED IN CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN FIRMS PRODUCING THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND CAPABLE OF INSTALLING A FACTORY IN IRAQ.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF USDOC:

A. FURNISH READILY AVAILABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ANCON INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND R.M. GUNTERT.

B. DISSEMINATE INFORMATION IN PARA 3 ONLY TO INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS.

C. INFORM USINT OF ANY FIRMS EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS PROSPECT.

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